

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner (1) finds the claims to be drawn to eleven distinct inventions as follows:

Group I: claims 1, 284, 285, 469 and 485, drawn to a cutting tool;

Group II: claims 50, 95, 142 and 191, drawn to a system and method for radially expanding a tubular;

Group III: claims 298, 479 and 495, drawn to an apparatus for gripping a tubular member;

Group IV: claims 307 and 498, drawn to an actuator;

Group V: claim 309, drawn to an apparatus for controlling a packer;

Group VI: claim 312, drawn to a packer with a valve;

Group VII: claims 313, 338, 391 and 416, drawn to a method and system of expanding tubulars having a bell section;

Group VIII: claims 315, 316, 322, 330, 393, 394, 400 and 408, drawn to a method of forming a mono diameter well;

Group IX: claims 390 and 468, drawn to a method of expanding by applying internal pressure at discrete locations;

Group X: claims 484 and 500, drawn to a cementing method; and

Group XI: claims 501 and 511, drawn to a method of engaging a tubular; and

(2) requires a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372.

I. Election of Invention

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1, 284, 285, 469 and 485, drawn to a cutting tool) without traverse for prosecution on the merits and withdraws the claims of Groups II-XI, defined above, from further consideration.

II. New Claims


Claims 521-535 are added as new. Claims 521-526 depend from independent claim 284, and thus, include the same novel features as that claim. Claims 527-535 depend from independent claim 469 and include the same novel features as claim 469. For these reasons, Applicant believes new claims 521-535 should be included in Group 1, along with elected claims 1, 284, 285, 469 and 485.

Applicant believes the new claims are supported by the Specification and do not include any new subject matter.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicant believes all matters in the Office Action dated August 4, 2008 have been addressed. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Conley Rose, P.C.'s Deposit Account Number 03-2769 (2725-26006).

Respectfully submitted,



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